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ABSTRACT

[0040] A method and mechanism of accessing segments in data storage systems is disclosed. In one embodiment, extents in a segment are coalesced into groups based on the data storage device each extent is stored on. Rather than submit an I/O operation for each extent, a
5 single I/O operation is submitted for each group of extents.